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## FIRE DEMON IS WIPING OUT OLDEST TOWN IN THE STATE

**With a Gale Fanning the Flames Town of Genoa is Facing Complete Destruction. Special Train Carrying Fire Apparatus Sent From This City**

This afternoon the Appeal received a message from Manager Phillips of the Telephone company at Gardnerville asking that fire apparatus be dispatched to Genoa at once as the entire town was threatened with destruction. At about the same time Sheriff Wyatt of Douglas county who was spending the day in this city, received the same message. He notified Sheriff Regan and immediately hatched up his team and accompanied by Mrs. Wyatt, hurried for Genoa where his home is located. From the information received by him he was led to believe that his home had been swept away by the flames.

As soon as possible the engine belonging to the Warren Engine company and a thousand feet of hose was made ready for the trip and Mr. A. M. Ardery of the V & T had a train waiting at the depot. The apparatus was loaded on and with about 50 volunteer fire fighters the train sped on its way for Minden where horses were in waiting to transport the apparatus to Genoa.

Owing to the fact that the Fette store in which the telephone station is located, was among the first of the buildings to go, the details are meager. According to the message received by the Appeal at the time of the call for help was sent in the fire started in the poor house in the central part of town. Some of the inmates were burning papers and a gust of wind scattered the burning material, setting fire to several sheds and to the main building.

What apparatus was at hand was inadequate to handle the conflagration and a call was sent to Gardnerville. The fire machine there was immediately transported to the neighboring town and when it was seen that the fire was beyond control, assistance was asked of this city.

A heavy gale was blowing and soon the saloon of Champagne was destroyed and the Fette store, including the postoffice and the telephone station. From there the flames, fanned by the wind, devoured all the buildings in its path and as it neared the court house the wind veered and for a time it looked as though the county building would be saved. The hope was short lived however, for the wind switched again and at 2:30 word was sent to

this city that the building was on fire.

According to this message the wind was blowing the flames into the business portion of the town and the destruction of the entire village seemed almost certain.

Genoa is the oldest town in the state of Nevada and is also the county seat of Douglas county. There are a number of beautiful ranch homes in the immediate vicinity and it is feared that unless the flames are gotten under control some of these will be destroyed.

A message received late this afternoon stated that the fire was under control. The court house was gutted and is a wreck. Upon the arrival of the special train with the fire apparatus, word was received that the water supply had run out and that it would be useless to take the machine to Genoa. The residents of the stricken town sent a vote of thanks for the offer of assistance but stated that they must rely upon their own efforts to save the town. Men from all over the valley are at the scene of the fire and everything possible is being done to save the property in the line of the flames. According to the report received the wind is dying down and the loss may not be as great as was at first thought, although it will reach up into the thousands.

### Big Fight Arena is Completed

Because of the great haste in building the big arena for the Jeffries-Johnson fight and in order that no precaution might be overlooked to make the inclosure safe for the 10,000 or more persons who will witness the fight, the members of the grand jury of Washoe county yesterday visited the scene of the carpentering and thoroughly went over the method of construction and bracing adopted.

The members of the grand jury inspected the lumber being used by Contractor Friedhoff on the work and found it solid and substantial and of proper size to sustain the weight which it is theoretically designed to sustain.

In only one respect did the committee find fault with the work and that was in the nature of taking a precaution rather than an absolutely necessary step.

It was found that the flooring of the sloped arena planks were spiked to the upright posts. Ordinarily this would be sufficient but in order to make the support an absolute certainty it was requested that in addition a supporting plank of equal length with the post be nailed on the face of the post with an overhang on each side, so as to make a supporting shoulder for the planks on each side. This will be done.

The members of the grand jury will make another visit to the arena Wednesday and again on Saturday.

Another development of yesterday at the arena was the decision to run a gallery around at the top and directly back of the uppermost tiers of the benches. The gallery will be flat and will be six feet wide. It will accommodate 3,000 for standing room.

If necessary the big arena could be completed, ready for occupancy, tonight.

### Traveling Man Dies Suddenly

F. A. Brunson, a traveling man representing the California Moline Plow Works of Stockton, California, died suddenly last evening at the Arlington hotel, from an attack of apoplexy. Mr. Brunson was standing in front of the hotel when the attack came and fell to the sidewalk. He was carried into the office and physicians summoned. Upon their arrival he was taken to his room and everything possible was done for him but he passed away about an hour and a half after the attack.

Yesterday Brunson spent the day in Arden taking orders for his firm and returned on the motor car late in the afternoon. He was a member in good standing of the Alameda lodge No. 1015 E. P. O. E. and that lodge will have charge of the remains. He leaves a wife living in Oakland who wired last night asking that the body be shipped to that city.

The deceased was well known to the traveling fraternity having been on the road for many years past and was considered a very able and competent man in his profession.

The remains will be shipped to Oakland this evening and all members in the Elks lodge in this city are requested to meet at Kitzney or's undertaking parlors at 5 o'clock to escort the remains to the train.

The deceased was about 45 years of age and a native of Iowa.

### Margaret Illington "Needs the Money" Says Oakland Writer

Ever since the announcement of a few days ago that Margaret Illington was to return to the stage many surmises have been made regarding the reason of her decision, especially from the fact that at the time of her marriage to Edward J. Bowes she stated that she would never return to the stage, but intended to devote her entire time to her husband and home.

The Oakland Tribune tells the following story regarding the actress and Bowes, who has been reputed to be many times a millionaire. Miss Illington married the Spokane man immediately following her divorce proceedings had in Reno.

#### THE MIRAGE OF FORTUNE

Now that Margaret Illington is returning to the stage we read constantly of her "multi-millionaire husband, Edward J. Bowes of Tacoma. That multi-million business makes people laugh—people who know Mr. Bowes and a great many people in San Francisco do know him.

Before the big fire Bowes was the chief clerk for Shadwald, Buckbee

Those who went out Fourth street to see the big structure were surprised to find the affair practically completed.

All eight sides of the octagon are in place. That is the portion that is on the incline. By tonight the ring-side division will be ready for its finishing touches.

Although it has a seating capacity of 16,000, the arena will be able to accommodate from 22,000 to 25,000 people. Many thousands of these will have to stand, but the contractors figure that the excess would rather do than have seats proportionately further from the ring.

Each row of the inclined portion, the outer circle, is nearly ten inches higher than the one in front. In the ring-side division the rise will be six inches per row. The last row of seats is about 26 feet from the ground. The cheapest regular seats are \$10

### E. O. Pstterson is a Candidate

Politics has started in Ormsby county. In the issue of the News of this morning E. O. Patterson announces his candidacy for the nomination for the office of county clerk on the republican ticket, to succeed himself. Mr. Patterson has held the office for two terms and has always proved himself an able official. During the past couple of years the office of county clerk has not been a play shop by any means, there being a greater amount of work to attend to than ever before in the history of the office. This has been ably taken care of by Mr. Patterson and he certainly deserves recognition at the hands of his party at the coming primaries.

### Special Train to Go to Reno

A special train will leave this city this evening for Reno taking over the band and a crowd of local people who will advertise and boost for the Carson City carnival and aviation meet. All who desire to go and help the good cause along can secure their tickets at the pool rooms or at the depot this evening. The train will leave this city at 6:30 sharp and returning will leave Reno about midnight. The fare for the round trip will be \$1.

Several propositions to get the big fighters and their trainers over to the carnival in this city are being made by representatives in Reno and several announcements which will mean a great deal to the local celebration are expected shortly.

### GOV. DICKERSON ASSURES RICKARD THAT ALL IS WELL

**Nevada's Executive is Assured by Rickard That Fight is on the Square and Says There Will be No Interference**

RENO, June 28.—Governor Dickerson arrived in this city this morning and spent part of the day at the camps of the two fighters. This morning the governor had a conference with the fight promoters. At the meeting he assured Rickard that the fight would not be stopped in this state providing that the state laws governing such contests were complied with and he added that as far as he had learned they had. The governor asked Rickard, whom he had known for the past seven years, if the fight was on the square and upon receiving an affirmative reply, Dickerson stated that he was satisfied that it would be, especially since Rickard had made the flat statement that it would be.

"If you comply with the laws of the state of Nevada enacted to govern the holding of prize fights in this state there will positively be no interference from the officers. Otherwise the contest could not be held. I would not allow a fixed fight and I have absolute faith in your statement that the contest is on the square," was the statement of the governor to Rickard at the end of the conference.

Rickard is satisfied now that the governor, himself, has personally assured him that all is well and the newspaper men have kept the wires hot this afternoon sending out the

report of the conference and interviews with the state's chief executive.

There was nothing doing at Johnson's camp today as the big fighter took a rest, sitting on the porch of his training quarters and chatting with friends. This evening it is reported that he will box some.

Jeff took a seven mile sprint over the road this morning but did not box. A large crowd had gathered at his training quarters and after sizing them up the champ decided that he had exercised enough for the day and retired into his quarters. Jeffries is doing very little boxing in public and keeps in the background as much as possible when the crowd comes around.

Both of the big fighters are tapering off on their training and it was announced that Jeffries would do no more boxing after Thursday.

Another large delegation of fight fans arrived on the morning train among them being Battling Nelson and party of friends. Fitzsimmons was expected today but failed to reach Reno. This afternoon the report is circulated that the former champion missed his boat at Honolulu and will not be on hand to take in the big mill.

Every hotel is jammed to the doors with people and business is on the boom.

### Newspapermen are Asked to Visit Famous Comstock

At a meeting of the directors of the Washoe club held this afternoon it was voted to extend an invitation to the newspaper correspondents now in Reno to pay a visit to the Comstock some day the latter part of this week and John Washington was appointed a committee of one to go to Reno tonight to make the necessary arrangements. Inasmuch as many of the correspondents now in Nevada from all over the country have expressed a desire to visit the world famous Comstock, they now being within a few miles of the old camp and an excellent opportunity thus presents itself thus to do so, the club has taken matters in hand and are planning for a big reception and entertainment of the guests.

It is probable that the V. & T.

motor car will be chartered for the occasion and an enjoyable trip secured in that manner up the mountain grades. Upon their arrival in town the visitors will, of course, be shown the interesting developments now under way in the lower levels of the mines, from one end of the lode to the other. Few have any conception of the gigantic pumping operations being carried on through the C. & C. shaft and numerous other undertakings now under way on the old lode. Then there are the historic spots and scenes of the old days to be visited, including that great treasure vault, the old Con. Virginia, and to wind up with a spread. The Washoe Club rooms will be thrown open for the use of the visitors and all will be accorded the hospitality of the city.—Virginia Chronicle.

#### VISITING HERE

Mrs. E. M. Burlington and her daughter, Mrs. Protzman, are spending the day in this city from Reno.

Leete Blanchard arrived from Bodie in his auto Sunday evening, accompanied by his wife, J. A. Muker and E. A. Murphy.

Dance on open air platform Wednesday night.

#### RECEIVES AUTO

Attorney Chantz has received his new auto and is spending the greater part of his time getting up nerve enough to take some of his friends out joy (?) riding.

#### VISITING AT RENO

State Auditor and wife were departures for Reno last evening where they will spend several days with friends.

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